Gist winds, Richmond's weather yeslerday was unoderate in temperature, but rsiny and disagreeable in the extreme.

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Richmond.

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Observance of Christmas in the homes and churches to-day and on the streets to-morrow promises to be more general than for many years, if ever before—the property of the years have the storm last night to add din and red flame to the celebration of Christmas on Broad Street—Santa Claus visits many down town factories and business places, leaving valuable presents for faithful employes—More attractive programmes which will be sing to-day in the Richmond churches are announced—Governor Montague and Mayor McCartliy will speak at the opening of the Flowerland Bazuar to-morrow night—Death of Mr. B. D. Chalkley—Child soverely burned and mother's and father's hands suffer severely in putting out the flames—In all the prisons and in the charitable homes Christmas dinners will be severed to-day, the bounts of the glad time being shared by all, MANCHES-CHESTER—Alex. Jones, Jr., fell from car and hurt himself—Hielp the poor—Postoffice hours to-morrow—Services in the churches—Manchester German Club to meet on Friday.

Virginia.

Virginia.

Store and pickle fastory burned at White Stone Wharf, Laneaster county—Battleship Iowa damaged while docking under her own steam at the Newport News ship yard—State Charman Agnew not invlied to attend the Republican conference in Romoke—Coroner's jury in Alexandria county holds Southern Railway responsible for death of McCormick—Prominent officials of Winehester fined for falling to obey snow-cleaning ordinance—Mir. Chapman, by Frederick county, falls into a water wheel and is severely, infured—Earn and stable burned in Petersburg, and valuable horse lost—Petersburg Elks made orphan girls happy.

North Carolina.

North Carolina.

Mysterious disappearance of James E. Harroll, of Hertford, gives rise to fear of another sensational murder—Ronda Jamber Company erroneously reported as making application in bankruptcy—Boy of thirteen in jail at Winston-Salem for shooting companion same ago—Winston-Salem har presents Judge James with a cane—Baptists made large appropriation for mission work—Superintendent of Schools J. T. Joyner declares public school improvement is a tida that cannot be stayed—Negroes receive only small share of white taxes—White man escapes from the pentientiary—Mrs. John R. Kenly dies suddenly at Wilmington.

General.

General.

On request of Jerome, Dodge is released on own recognizance; said that he has made confession that will implicate seven prominent New York men—New trial for Nan Patterson likely; Jerome refuses to reduce ball; important new evidence said to have been discovered—Japanese force besieging Port Arthur cuntures important position; Togo reports withdrawal of fleet; story of despirate assault, on Kekwan fort told in belated dispatch; sharp fighting in north—Two killed in street fight in Georgia—Walson; says political fight is just beginning—Cardinals give Pope Christmas groctings—Eleven rubber companies being sued—Pulajanes, Filipino tribe, now on warpath—Later reports from Sloux City fire—King Alfonso has narvow escape from injury—Shipwrecked crew pursued by sharks—Hesitation on stock market.

the use of explosives of all kinds were forbidden after midnight, and the police acceeded in maintaining very good order succeeded in maintaining very good order. In fact, the crowds were all so good-natured and so filled with the spirit of the occasion that It was seldom necessary to make an arrest or even to give a warning. Considering the senson and the rainy day, there was far less drunkenness than usual, and little complaint on that score. Observation leads to the bellef that there for least demikroness on Christmas Eve is far less drunkenness on Christmas Eye than usual. The Christmas Salshath promises to dawn cloudy and probably with slight

than usual.

The Christmas Sabbath promises to dawn cloudy and probably with slight rainfall, but the weather will not hinder thousands from territor out in response to the Christmas bells to-day to worship in the churches and devoutly celebrate the advent of the Christ-child. Special sermons will be preached by the pastors and fine musical programmes have been arranged by almost all. The music will all be appropriate to the occasion. In fact, there is a joyous note in the entire service, and the Sabbath will be but the more appropriate for the celebration of the hirth of Him whose coming is a plea for "peace on earth and good will to men." Songs of praise and halledighs and hosanuas will ring from the organs and choirs of thousands of clurches to-day. Many or the churches will be arrayed appropriately for the accasion. Christmas in the churches promises to be more noteworthy than for years past. The musical programmes and the subjects of the sermon have been printed already. It will be a grand parade of bright and happy faces on the way to the churches to-day, and from the services many will lurry home to the Christmas dinner, a feast even in the homes of the humblest in these days of organized charity and philanthropic effort by so many churches to fall kinds, game and celery; meats of all kinds. key, cranberry sauce and celery; meats of all kinds, game and vegetables, with

for all kinds, game and vesety; means of all kinds, game and vesetables, with plum puddings, whees, jellies, cakes of every kind, and all that the palate craves, will be spread before the diners. The people of Richmond are going to enjoy a hearty meal to-day, if the purchases of vesterday indicate anything.

Some there are who will look back in sadness to former Christmasses, but to the majority it will be the brightest, gladdest Yuleilde of their lives. Gift-glving is becoming more and more universal, and many will receive tokens of the affection and remembrance of their loved ones to-day. These presents in many cases represent the patient labor of loving hands. They will range in cost from a nickel to a thousand dollars and more, and embrace an almost infinite variety of the useful and the ornate.

Postoffice Hours.

Postoffice Hours.

But the gift-giving is not confined to this city, either the donors or the recipi-cuts as one may well concede who visits the postoffice or the express office or

TIVEL GIRE EFFERES

. It is highly important that these orga bould properly perform their functions. When they don't, what lameness of side and back, what yellowness of the skill sick headache, pimples and blotches, a: loss of courage, tell the story. The great alterative and tonic

Hood's Sarsaparill

Gives these organs vigor and tone for t proper performance of their functions, an curse all their ordinary allments. Take it Documber 31st.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS O. H. BERRY & CO. O. H. BE

Merry Christmas To All.

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watches the cirrier laden with his pack like a peddler, or the express delivery wagons, loaded to the top with bundles and packages. There must be grespite for the overworked employes of the postoffice, and accordingly the following special orders have been issued as to mail hours:

"On Sunday, December 25th, all clerks and carriers will report for duty. The crew of clerks who will be off duty on whose day it is to be off duty, will report at 3 A. M. The postmaster directs that

and carriers will report for duty. The crew of clerks who will be off duty on whose day it is to be off duty, will report at 9 A. M. The postmaster directs that the delivery windows will be open from 3 to 5 P. M. All carriers will report for duty not later than 9 A. M. for the purpose of packing their mall and having same in proper shape for delivery. Stations will observe the same rule.

The schedule for Monday, December 26th, is announced as follows: "Office open for the sale of stamps and delivery of mall paly from 10 A. M. to 12, noon. No delivery will be made by the carriers. Collections by collectors at 8 A. M., 12 noon and 6 P. M. Carriers will collect boxes on their routes on their way to the office. Stations will observe the same hours. Dispatch mail to stations as follows: To Station will observe the same hours. Dispatch mail to stations as follows: To Station A, 6:15, 8:20, 10:30 and 11:30 A. M.; to B, 6:15, 9:30 and 11:30 A. M.; to

VALIANT CROWD

(Continued from First Page.)

At Seventh Street, in front of the Globo clothing store, a poor, decrept horse fell, and an immense throng gathered in the twinkling of an eye. An officer, who was asked what was that all the ancient steed needed was food. "Why not," asked he, "get up a Christmas dinner for all the pauper Christmas dinner for all the pauper horses in the city, those poor beasts who have suffered without speech since Ba-laam's time. That would be a charity

indeed!"
Only a few women braved the wet weather after dark. These splashed valiantly along, with bells and horns, making a noise as masculine as the men, outliereding Herod. One anterprising damsol drew a weird and awful sound from an instrument known amongst the initiated as "a squeedunk," a large tin can, through which is run a cord covered with rosin, it did the work, putting all other sounds to the rope and counting all comers out.

Rright Red Bires.

Bright, Red Fires.

Two bright red bonfires blazed on the street-one in front of the old Bijou Two bright red bonfres blazed on the street—one in front of the old Bljou. Thentre and the other in front of the new Bljou. Around the fire crowded young pirates, who made the dark sky bright with sky rockets and Roman candles. There was one sad young country girl that left Broad Srteet as though the plague reigned there. She had come to town bearing the untold wealth of \$90. Such riches come not often in a lifetime, and so, feeling like Hettle Green, she hied herself to a five and ten cent store. Even in the very time of purchasins, she reached down for her pocketbook, only to find it gone. It was a sad young country girl who wended her weary way, unburdened by the \$90.

When the city wakes this morning all will be quiet, for Sunday, says His Honor the Mayor, must be kept holy, If midnight on Sunday finds the rain gone, then look out for a noise that's cumulative

look out for a noise that's cumulative and, like "murther," will out.

Five Children for Adoption.

The management of the Children's Home Society of Virginia have announced that they have several children that they would like to turn over to responsible people for adoption.

There are five children altogether, twin

girls, twin boys and one brown-eyed boy, the latter about three years of age. The twins are under a year old. The children come from good parentage.

Mr. Fuqua Weds in Bedford.

Mr. Robert Hill Puqua, of this city, was married in Bedford on Wednesday lest, taking for his bride Miss Bulnila Penick Hopkins, of Bedford county.

Among the wedding party was Miss Carrie Ewing Hudleston, of this city, who was maid of honer. Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua will make Richmond their home.

Mr. Anderton Here.

Mr. J. Gayle Anderton, who for several years resided here, is here for the holi-days and the guest of Mr. James Co-wardin.

Mr. Anderton has been living in the West for several mouthst where he is representing a large manufacturing con-

HEAVY TRAVEL FOR HOLIDAYS

Hundreds to Spend Christmas With Their Families at Old Home.

PREVIOUS RECORDS BROKEN

Sales Thus Far Have Exceeded Those of Former Years. Personal Notes.

The rallways of the State began selling tickets at a rate of one and onethem at that rate all yesterday and will do so to-day. These tickets will be again All are limited for return passage to Janfices of the various rallways yesterday before. Sales in 1903 held the record up to that time, but this year's sale promise to excel these considerably. Hundreds of persons formerly resident in other cities and in the counties of this and adjoining States went home or will go to spend the great holiday with their families and old friends amid the scenes of their childhood. Many young men avalied themselves of the holiday, and the low rates to visit their friends in other cities and in the country, and many will go to enjoy some shooting before the season closes. before. Sales in 1903 held the record up

Despite the promised rain hundreds left Friday and yesterday, and many others will go to-day. Many of these tickets are for persons traveling a long distance. The pupils of the colleges and seminaries of the State in almost every case went to their homes, many of them in distant States, and the railways could very well afford the rate results.

Captain C. W. westoury, district passenger agent of the Southern, will spend the holiday in West Point. Mr. Nicholas Slattery, an employe of the same office went to his old home at Flat Rock, near Asheville, N. C. Most of the other rall-way officials and employes will spend the holiday in this city.

To-morrow the general offices and the passenger and freight offices and freight depots will be closed, save that perishable freight will be delivered from the

Mr. A. R. Sydnor, of Norfolk, agent of the Chesapeake and Ohlo and Kanawha Despatch, was in the city yestorday, en route to Chesterfield, where he will spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Cr West, of Dan-ville, are expected to spend Christmes with Mr. West's father. Captain, W., II. West, superintendent of the Southern Railway, at his home on West Main Street, Mr. L. C. West is a popular em-ploye of the Southern at Danville, and Mrs. West is a well known former flich-mend lady. Mrs. West is here and Mr. West is a expected.

ELEGANT PRESENT.

Times-Dispatch Composing-Room Take Mr. Jacob by Surprise.

The composins-room of the Times-Dispatch office was last night the scene of one of those pleasant incidents that cliar-acterize the Christmas season and testify to the appreciation of officials by their subordinates.

It was the presentation to Mr. W. A.

It was the presentation to air. W. Jacob, for many years the ellicient foreman of the mechanical department of the paper, and its predecessor, the Richmond Times, of a handsome testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the gentlemen employed in the composition when The rift a superballyer witer. the gentlemen employed in the composing-room. The gift, a superb silver water aet, consisting of pitcher, waiter and goblet, was the result of a spontaneous impulse on the part of the men.

The presentation was made by Mr. S. B. Woodfin, managing editor, in the presence of the assembled employees. Mr.

ence of the assemble employees. And Jacob was at his post, which just then happened to be in another room, and was unaware of the occasion for this peremptory summons. In presenting the gift Mr. Woodin stated that it was the gontory summons. In presenting the sift Mr. Woodin stated that it was the goncrete expression of the appreciation of the men of the uniformly controus treatment and consideration always accorded them by the foreign. The managing editor reinforced this statement by the declaration that speaking for the management of the paper he could unite in this expression of appreciation of the foreman's fidelity and gentlemanty conduct. Concluding, he handed over to Mr. Jacob the handsome receptacle for the fluid that refreshes but does not inchriate.

inebriate. The response of Mr. Jacobs was brief, earnest and appreciative. He said he appreciated the handsome gift, and even more highly the friendship of the men, every one of whom he regarded as his personal friend as well as willing and

personal Friend as the faithful coworker.

The gift is a handsome specimen of the silversmith's art and was turned out by the establishment of Schwarzschild & Co., of this city.

Mr. Miller Deputy Marshal.

United States Marshal Morgan Treat has just announced the appointment, anade a week or ten days ago, of Mr. Harry W. Miller, of Norfolk, a brother of the retiring assistant district attorney, Hugh Gordon Miller, to be deputy marshal, to succeed Mr. W. F. Gray, retired. The marshal announced that the appointment had been confirmed. Mr. Miller is woll known in Norfolk, and the selection is regarded as an excellent one.

SIOUX CITY FIRE LOSS - ABOUT \$2,500,000

(By Associated Presa) SIOUX CITY, IA., Dec. 21.—The total

loss by last night's fire in the business section of this city is \$2,500,000 and the insurance about \$15,00,000 Kenohah Brock-way, who jumped from the fourth story of the Massachusetts building, missed the life het and was instantly killed. As far as known, there were no other fatal-lities. The fire is still burning and sav-eral fire companies were until late to-light throwing water on the smoldering rulus.

Invitations Are Withdrawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Willism Frederick Scott, awing to illness in the family, are regretfully compelled to withdraw the invitations recently sent out for Saturday, December 31st.

The addition to the large business firms which were burned out, a host of smaller Jusiness houses were destroyed. Several hundred people who lived or had offices in the burned buildings lost everything.



CAPTAIN J. E. B. STUART, of Newport News

Captain Stuart was recently nominated by the President as United States marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, in place of Mr. Morgan Treat, the incumbent. The appointment will not be flially acted on until after the holidays. In the meantime Mr. Treat's friends are active in his behalf. Captain Stuart is the namesake of his father, the great cavalry leader, General J. E. B. Stuart.

XMAS TURKEY

Ise gwyin ter hab er turky, dis cumin Crismus day,
Ise gwyin ter hab er turky, no marter what yer say,
I dun bin here er thinkin' bout dis marter fer er week,
En now 'tis time fer ackshu, en dat bird Ise bound ter seek,
Teil me 'bout yer wultin' en er wishin' haff de night.
When yer wâkes up in de momin', de turky ain't in sight.
'Tis gittin close ter Crismus, en dar sin't no time ten lose.
I know what Ise gwyin ter do, yer kin do jest as you chuse,
Fer my mind it dun made up, in dis very 'portant case,
En I ain't gwyin have no emty table staring me in de face,
'Tain't no use ter arguly, I know 'tain't zackly right.
But I gwyin tor look at dis marter in er diffunt kind er light,
Now lemme git ter studyin', whar de bes place for ter go,
Ter git de finest gebbler, for I want yer fer ter know,
Dat I ain't gwyin be discripinted, for I dun made up my mind,
Ter git de bigsyst fowl, dat I possubly kin find.
Dats de placel hat hal hal hal—old Passen Ezra Brown,
Ie's got de kind er fowls dat roosts upon de groun',
Ahl der yer is old feller, or finsun I declar,
Ill! you dun jump gone jump 'pun de fence, but you ain't up ver far,
Ills you dun jump gone jump 'pun de fence, but you ain't up ver far,
Ills dat growih' Tower, dis ain't Sambo, dis is Jim.
Ef dat dos he gits ter barkin', dis nigger's chance is slim.
Ahl now I got you, dat I is, 'lin't no use ter flap,
When I close deso fingers on you, yer same es in er trap,
Git in dat bag yer roscal, en don't make eny fuss,
Ise er member uv de church, en don't want for to cuss.
Oh, there me is, gill safe en sound; Polly, shet dat door right, tight,
Fer we ain't gwyne have no cumpny in dis house, dis here night,
Git de, things u)! ready, put on de, great big pot,
Told yer I was gwyin ter hab en turky, en ger turky Ise got.

-DR. J. F. BLAIR, Scottsville, Va.

IN GENERAL STREET FIGHT, TWO ARE KILLED

Trouble Grew Out of Difficulty Between Negro and White Man.

(By Associated Press.)
MACON, GA., Dec. 24.—A special to the
Telegraph from Monticello, Ga., says:
The Christmas starts out with two killlings in town to-day. A negro named
Sum Reesd and R. L. Brooks was killed
in a general street fight. A difficulty
arose between a negro and a white man
and the negro drow his pistol and shot
at the white man. A fushade of shots
occurred and Brooks was killed. Ho was
in no way connected in the difficulty, but
was shot through the peck and fell dead.
The negro died in a short while. No eyewitness is, positive as to who did the
shooting. Two white men were arrested.
A man named Ellott was wounded, but
not seriously. Henry Penn, a negro, is
shot in the ldg, but is not geriously
wounded.

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the enemy emerged from the harbor, fur-fleet unsuccessfully engaged him, and fin-ally with the valuable support of the besieg-ing army, succeeded in crushing nearly-all the enemy's squadron. Our second squadron so heavily damaged the Vladi-vostok squadron that it has since been unable to leave port.

"All this success is gratefully attribut-ed to the brilliant virtue of our em-peror." the enemy emerged from the harbor,

peror.

Guns Reach Sevastopol. Guns Reach Sevastopol.

The Navy Department declines to discuss the formation, movements or plans of the Japanese flying squadron reported to be in the vicinity of Singapore. The advanced Japanese batteries at Port Arthur have succeeded in reaching the Russian battleship Sevastopol. One successful hit is reported, it is expected that the battleship will soon be completely destroyed.

Russian Reconnoisance.

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Russian Reconnoisance.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG. Dec. 24.—General Kuropatkin reports having made December 23d a reconnaisance in force in the direction of the Japanese positions at Bentsiaputse. The Russians forced an entry into Bentsiaputse, cocupied some of the entrenchments and repulsed the counter attacks of the two battallons of Japanese with great loss, the Japanese leaving nine prisoners in the hands of the Russians. The Russian loss was three officers and six ten killed, and three officers and sixty-one men wounded.

The night of December 23d, General Kuropatkin adds, was quiley.

CAPTURE OF KEKWAN.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE THIRD ARMY BEFORE FORT ARTHUR, Dec. 20, Via YIN KOW, Delayed in Transmission, Via TIEN TSIN, Dec. 24.—Since the general assult of November 26-27th, the Japanese have been engaged in tun-

Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

nelling under the north fort of Kekwa neiling under the north fort of Kekwan, mountain. Two main tunnels ran under the north wall of the fort from the most for a distance of forty feet and there were four short branch tunnels. On the morning of December 18th, sowen dynamite mines were jaid the object of which was to destroy the north wall and so give the Japanese access to the fort. The fort had so long resisted the assults of the Japanese that it was considered necessary that the explosions of the minus and the subsequent attacks should be carefully planned. General Samejima, commanding the left division, asked for yolunteers, who would be prepared to capture the fort or die in the attempt. Two entire battallors answered the general's call, one from the left division and the can, one from the left division and the other thom the general reserves. The first battallon remained in the caponiere galleries during the explosion of the mines, while the second battallon was in a parallel close to the wall of the counter seem.

Wonderful Sight.

In order that the dark blue uniform of the men might not show against the brown of the soil, which would be turnbrown of the soil, which would be turned by the force of the explosion, all the attackers were brown woollen underdrawers over their trousers and brown sweaters over their coats. Instead of a cap, each man were a brown woollen head pleee, which extended to the shoulders, loaving only the face visible. Every man carried a rifla in his right hand and dynamite greandes in his left, while a light ed slow match was attached to his cartridge belt with which to ignite the fuses of the greandes. In this peculiar garb, with the lighted matches at their waists, the troops presented a strange appearance. The soldiers of the battalions in the caponiero galleries, who were distinguished by white badges on their grans, were to make the second assault, Gen. Same-

caponiero galleries, who were distinguished by white badges on their arms, were to make the second assault, Gen. Sametim personally conducted these assaults at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 19th, after explosions had taken'place.

The first mine explosion was not entirely successful, owing to the heavy concrete above the mine. The explosion of the second mine followed immediately and this was succeeded by five smaller explosions. The sight was wonderful in the extreme. Hoge clouds of brown earth and debris of all kinds were thrown two hundred feet in the air, and it looked as if the whole forthad been sent heavenward. When the clouds of earth had settled down, the snow for some five hundred yards around the fort was covered with brown earth, pleces of timber and blocks of concrete.

The Charge.

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The explosion made two large breaches in the north wall of the fort, through which the Japanese in the meet swarmed. They charged so quickly that fifty of them were either killed or wounded by the failing debris. The Japanese succeeded in gaining the ramparts, and charged the interior of the fort, but they were requised by a rortion of the sarri-

ceeded in gaining the ramparts, and charged the interior of the fort, but they were repulsed by a nortion of the garrison from behind a wall at the rear of the fort which had not been touched by the force of the explosion. Behind this wall there were four field guns and three machine guns.

In the meantime the Russians had rushed to the fort through the covered wall at the rear.

The second battalion of attackers were unable to advance immediately as the sapping trenches from the parellel to the most were filled with debris. When this debris had been excavated the battalion gained the most and reached the ramparts through the breaches that had been made by the explosions.

The commander of this enterprise realized that any attack to gain the interior of the fort would end in disaster, if his whole force advanced in one body, so he disposed his men along the wall and ordered them to gain the lower level of the interior of the fort would end in the hades which had been made in the surface by the Japanese shells and these offered good cover for the rifts and machine gun fire directed from the rear of the fort, In the seventieth was stricken with paralysis Sundey morning while at the score of the fort, In the seventieth to basket ball here to-night by the score of the fort blue they are to be a treatment Upshur Here.

Lieutenant Upshur P. Upshur, accommand will wis wife, is in the city, vising the law to lie.

Disturbed is in the city, vising the parallel to the spart of his surface of his son, on Grove Road, yesterday morning at 0:20 o'clock. He had been in ill health for some time.

An. Chalkley was for many years a member of the firm of th

WALTER D. MOSES & CO. 103 E. Brond. (Oldest Music House in Va.) 108 E. Broad. Advancing carefully the Japanese aprear of the fort and by working from hole to hole under cover of the darkness the entire battalion gained the interior of the fort notwithstanding the desperate resistance made by the Russians.

Remarkable Piano Sale

style by making reductions on our Xmas prices.

Everybody agrees that our Xmas prices were the lowest ever offered hereabouts on high-grade Planos.

This week's prices show an absolute disregard for

profits. If we hadn't done such a phenomenal Xmas business we couldn't afford it. As it stands, we must

clean up all left-overs. We are willing to abandon all

thought of profit just to get the room these Pianos

Steinway, Knabe, Weber, Hardman, Kimball, Wheelock, Standard, Haines.

You have just one week in which to pick our stock over. Need we remind you to come early? Terms to

FROM \$ 400 250

in the morning,

Last Corner Captured.

Last Corner Captured.

The first charge made against the wall of sand bags proved unsuccessful, but charge followed charge until midnight, when the last corner of the Russian defenses was captured. The fighting was desperate in the extreme with bayonets and hand grenades and the entire garrison was killed "Ith the exception of a party of twenty, who escaped through the covered wall, which they destroyed behind them by exploding four minegand thus prevented the Japanese from pursuing them.

Though the numbers engaged and the area of the fighting were small, both assault and defense were more furious than any in the previous history of the sleek of Port Arthur. With the exceptions noted, the garrison deed fighting to the last man, with wonderful determination. The final rushes of the Japanese were irresistible. Their wounded refused to retire, and insisted on continuing the fighting, saying that they had vowed to take the fort and that they must succeed.

Four field gins and three machine guns were captured, and over three hundred Russians were killed.

The skillful manner in which the second assault was executed prevented heavy losses and insured the capture of the fort, which, though not the largest, is one of the strongest of the eastern fortified ridges. The fort is important to the Japanese. It is the east point at

fortified ridges. The fort is impor-

the Japanese. It is the east point at which to pierce the principal line of fortifications for the purpose of gaining a foothold on the higher hills of the

notation on the light lines of the ridge.

The stubborn resistance made by the Russians was due to the fact that the captured fort was the key of the position at this point of their western flank.

RUSSIAN DEFENSE.

Claims That Firing by Squadron

Upon British Fleet Was

sive measures taken were in absolute good faith.

Third—At most it was an attack at sea, where the dangers and risks are extreme, and analogous to the British battleship Camperdown ramming and sinking the British battleship Viotoria, and the recent firing by a British warship upon a coasting vessel during the target practice.

The proliminaries of the commission have clearly shown that the British are anxious for a prompt disposal of the case, while the Russlans do not object to delaying it. Therefore, the postponement of the opening of the sessions of the commission, owing to the non-arrival of Rear-Admiral Davis, the American representative, developed an incident showing the rather significant grouping of the delegates, the Russlans sharing the American view that Admiral Davis was entitled to ample time, while the British and French sentiment did not approve of the postponement.

Yale Wins. (By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., December 24.—The Yale University defeated the Atlata Athletic Club in a hotly contested game of basket ball here to-night by the score of 2, to 15.

Last Corner Captured.

Prices Cut Nearly 1/2

tory time and we want

to have as few Pianos

as possible to count. We

are going to wind the

old year up in great,

TO \$ 385 145

Miss Gertrude Hudson.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

JURAY, VA. Dec. 24.—Miss Gertrude

Hudson, daughter of Dr. W. L. Fludson,
of Luray, died at the home of her parents,
in this piace, about 5 o clock this morning,
aged about 23 years. Miss Hudson had
been in ill health for several months, and
her death was due to a complication of
Ciscases, and medical skill of this and
other States was brought to bear on her
disease. She was a very popular young
woman, and was a conspicuous figure in
religious work. Miss Hudson was a
granddaughter of the late Senator H. J.
Smoot, of this district, and is survived
by a father, mother and four sisters. The
interment will take place in Green Hill
Cemetery, Luray, to-morrow, and the
funeral services will be conducted by
Rev. G. S. Kennard, passor of Main Street
Baptist Church, of which the deceased
was a member.

George W. Rowan.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARM SPHINGS, VA. Dec. 21.—Mr.
George W. Rowan, one of Bath county's
cidest and most respected citizons, died
at his home, six miles west of this place,
last Thursday evening. Mr. Rowan was
one of those noble old Confederates that
fought bravely for the South during has
struggle, and therefore that "tie which
binds" holds him an untold number of
friends, besides his gentlemanly, honest,
and upright Christian spirit, which endeared him to all who knew him. He
had been ill for some time. He was in
has 75th year. Aged and infirm, he/still
possessed grant enthusiasm, where there
were telling of those trying times when
he "shouldered the musket."

Mrs. Fannie B. Humphreys.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHEURG, VA., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Fannie B. Humphreys, widow of Dr. Humphreys, of Danville, died here last night at Home and Retrent, where she has been ill for some time. Her remains were removed to the home of her kinsman, Mr. N. C. Manson, the city attorney for Lynchburg, and later they were removed to Farmville, where the interment took place to-day.

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(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The Russian defense before the interpational commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident is practically completed. The main features are:

First—That the firing by the Russian Squadron was justified as a defense against attack. This entails proving the presence of Japanese torpedo boats. The Bussian delegates inform the Associated Ballimore. Besides her husing the presence of Japanese torpedo boats. The Bussian delegates inform the Associated Ballimore and overwhelming form.

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CHALKLEY,—Died. Saturday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, BERNARD D. CHALKLEY, Funeral will take place TUPSDAY at 12 o'clock from the residence of his son, Mr. Marion H. Chalkley, Grove Road.

LIGGANGS.—Died, in her home, No. 1009 North First Street, on Friday, December 23, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the age of 23 years.

Funeral will take place in the Second Baptist Church TO-DAY (Sunday), at 8 o'clock P. M. All are invited.

WAYLAND.—At Crozet, Va., December 22d, 1904, Miss MARTHA WAILES WAYLAND, eldest daughter of Chas. Lt and Elizaboth Bourne Wayland. She was fourteen years, six months old, and a true Christian. Baltimore papers please copy.

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